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The Navy Today ... Executing the Maritime Strategy

"As part of Partnership of the Americas 2008 (POA), GWCSG has trained with – and met with – the navies of Brazil, Argentina, and Chile. With each opportunity, both military to military and handshake to handshake, we have strengthened our partnership and interoperability with our South American neighbors."

-- Rear Adm. Phil Cullom, Commander, George Washington Carrier Strike Group

Around the world, the Navy is executing the six core capabilities of the Maritime Strategy – forward presence, deterrence, sea control, power projection, maritime security and humanitarian assistance/disaster response.

Power projection to win our nation's wars

- USS Harry S. Truman Carrier Strike Group (HST CSG) returns from deployment today after supporting Maritime Security Operations in the 5th and 6th Fleet Areas of Operation. Throughout the deployment, Carrier Air Wing Three (CVW-3) aircraft flew more than 9,500 sorties – 2,459 of which were combat sorties directly supporting Coalition forces operating on the ground in Iraq – and expended 77,500 pounds of ordnance during 228 troops-in-contact events.
- USS Ronald Reagan (CVN 76) recently completed an undersea warfare exercise (USWEX) in the waters of the Hawaiian operating area. This exercise was the final test for the Ronald Reagan Carrier Strike Group, which deployed May 19, before it headed to the Western Pacific and 7th Fleet area of responsibility. Also participating in the exercise were a cruiser, three destroyers, a frigate, and two fast-attack submarines, testing the strike group's capabilities and certifying them to go to war.

Maritime Security

- The USS Abraham Lincoln Carrier Strike Group is operating in the Fifth Fleet AOR to maintain maritime security, ensure regional access for commerce, and confront and defend against violent extremists. Strike Group aircraft are providing defense to Iraqi oil platforms while conducting Maritime Security Operations and flying combat sorties in Iraq in support of Coalition forces on the ground.

Building maritime partnerships for regional stability

- CVW-3 aircraft, flying from the deck of Truman, conducted a variety of theater security cooperation exercises with five countries in the Sixth and Fifth Fleet theaters to enhance interoperability and tactical proficiency. These exercises fostered stronger ties with regional navies, strengthened relationships with allied nations and improved collaboration among Coalition Task Forces.

Promoting interoperability for trust and confidence

- USS George Washington Carrier Strike Group recently participated in a multinational task group with Chilean air and surface units as part of Partnership for America (POA). GW CSG conducted anti-submarine exercise while also providing close-air support and being directed by both ground-based special operations controllers and airborne forward air controllers. This is the third consecutive year U.S. surface units have participated in POA.

Status of the Navy (as of 3 Jun)

Navy Personnel		Ground Forces in NAVCENT AOR			Sailors at Sea by AOR	
Total Active Component:	331,608	<u>Countries ≥400</u>	<u>AC</u>	<u>RC</u>	NAVCENT/C5F	9,660
Total Reserve Component:	125,734	Iraq	5,324	1,136	PACFLT	27,746
DoN Civilians:	180,122	Bahrain	2,779	80	NAVSOUTH/C4F	3,250
<u>Ships, Submarines & Aircraft</u>		Kuwait	1,086	805	C2F	13,600
Total deployable ships/subs:	279	Afghanistan	1,455	297	CNE-C6F	2,363
Ships/subs underway:	128 (46%)	Qatar	671	11	For more information on the current status of the Navy, visit: www.navy.mil .	
Ships forward deployed:	119 (43%)	Djibouti	637	42		
Total Operational Aircraft:	3,700+	Total all countries on ground		14,810		